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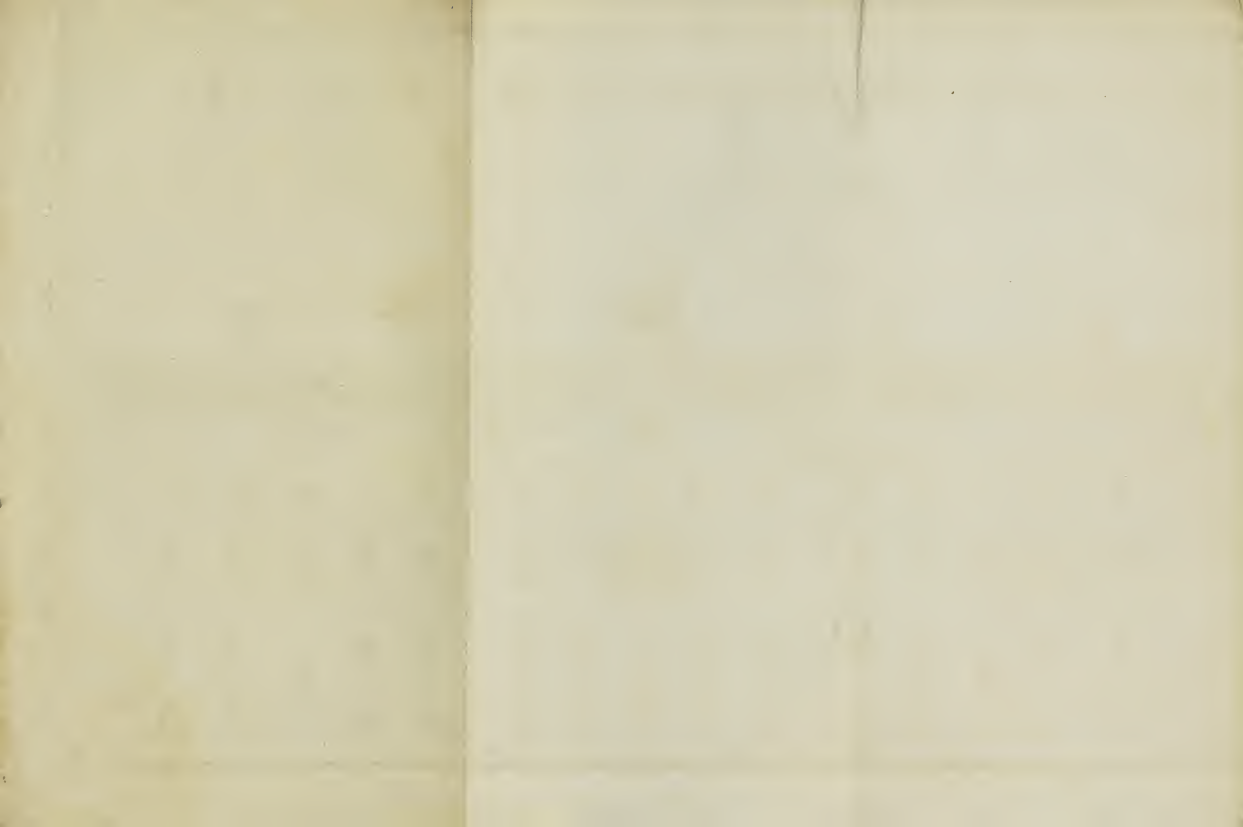
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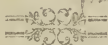
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IN that extent of territory which, through the Providence of God, is now the sovereign Domain of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, an attentive observer cannot but behold the foundations of an EMPIRE laid, which promises to enlarge itself to vast dimensions, and to become the happy means of diffusing *Knowledge, Liberty and Happiness*, through every other part of this American continent.

In a *commercial view*, it is almost needless to mention the great and growing importance of these states; on account of their rich variety of soil and produce, their length of sea-coast and other conveniences of *navigation*, both internal and external. From this variety springs likewise one of the first of earthly blessings ---A Blessing, perhaps, not known in an equal degree by any other people, living in the same community or fœderal union, throughout the globe---We have the *staff of life*---BREAD in abundance, not only for ourselves, and the immense number of industrious settlers, constantly flowing in among us from different parts of the *old world*; but likewise for *exportation* to supply the wants of others, and to multiply the sources and channels of our trade. Nor is there a probability, under the favour of Heaven, and a due exertion of our skill and industry (as the experience of near two hundred years can tell us) that we shall ever suffer, through scarcity or want. For, in such an extended country, and with such variety of soil and climate, if the productions of one kind, or of one part of the country should fail, there will remain a sufficiency of the other kinds, and those the far greater part, unless (thro' the direction of Providence for its own wise purposes) a revolution of seasons should take place, whereof neither past experience or memory can suggest any example or precedent.

Nor are the soil and climate thus favourable to the productions of the earth *only*; but likewise to all the best powers, both of body and mind in the human species; nursing up a race of bold and hardy men; who in the vindication and establishment of their native *rights and independence*, have given the most illustrious proofs of their *wisdom*, valour and magnanimity during a long and arduous contest with one of the most powerful nations upon earth. And with the like exertions of virtue and public spirit, looking up to God as our protector and Guide, we need have but little to fear from any future wars of the *old world* or the *new*---should WAR, in ages hence continue to be the *unchristian* mode of arbitrating the differences of *Christian* nations!

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But, we may trust, the time is not distant when "*Violence*" shall no more be heard upon earth; when nation shall not "lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn *war* any more." As a prelude to that happy period, which (we are assured) shall yet come, may not these American states, even now, "beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks?" Remote as we are in situation, may we not keep ourselves alike remote in our inclination, from the intrigues, the ambition and the quarrels of the other powers of the world; yielding as great a proof of *moderation* in *peace* as of *magnanimity* in *war*?

The *idea* is truly animating, and in the hope of its being *realized*, a friend to mankind cannot but adore that Providence which (in portioning out the countries of the *new* world among the nations of the *old*) gave that part of America, which seems ordained to prebeminence of improvement above the rest, to an enlightened and civilized people--professing themselves the votaries of KNOWLEDGE and FREEDOM in their purest and most improved state. For however flattering it may be to consider the growth of these *rising states* as tending to encrease the wealth and commerce of the world; they are to be considered in another more serious view, as ordained to enlarge the sphere of HUMANITY. In that view the great interests of civil LIBERTY, the parent of every other social blessing, will not be forgotten; but every true citizen of these states will consider himself as a chosen instrument for supporting her cause in the *new* world, at a time when drooping or decaying in the *old*; and will accordingly rejoice to water the tender plant that hath taken root among us, and to rear and shelter it from the *storm*, till it shoot up into a *great tree*, "sending forth its boughs unto the ocean, and its branches to the utmost rivers." But, in this great work, we are not to trust to the most successful struggles either against foreign or domestic enemies, nor yet to the best constituted forms of government for the preservation of our *civil* or *religious rights*. We must strive to maintain our own virtue---We must avoid the snares of luxury, venality and corruption among ourselves. We must regard the great concerns of *religion* and another world. We must attend to the rising generation. The souls of our youth must be nursed up to the love of LIBERTY and KNOWLEDGE; and their bosoms warmed with a sacred and enlightened zeal for every thing that can bless or dignify their species.

In short, lasting provisions must be made, by GOOD EDUCATION, for training up a succession of *Patriots, Lawgivers, Sages* and *Divines*; for LIBERTY will not deign to dwell, but where her fair companion KNOWLEDGE flourishes by her side; nor can GOVERNMENT be duly administered but where the principles of *Religion, Justice, Virtue, Sobriety*, and *Obedience* for CONSCIENCE-SAKE, are upheld.

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Every well-regulated *Seminary of Learning*, therefore, that promises to exalt the genius of our country, and to become the means of diffusing *useful knowledge* still further and wider over this great continent, should be an object of general regard, wheresoever it is founded; for in this respect, we have but one common interest to pursue.

It is hoped, then, that we may now have leave to mention "WASHINGTON-COLLEGE in the state of Maryland," as an institution of this kind, well worthy of the encouragement of the public in its present infant-state, and more especially of the inhabitants of the *Peninsula* for whose more immediate advantage it is founded.

Altho' some considerable provision had been made by former Legislatures of Maryland for the rudiments of learning in county schools, yet the state had been long without any public seminary of *universal learning* for the benefit of youth, as is set forth more at large in the act for founding this college; a copy of which follows, *viz.*

*An A C T for founding a College at Chester,
[In Maryland.]*

WHEREAS Institutions for the liberal education of youth in the principles of virtue, knowledge, and useful literature, are of the highest benefit to society, in order to raise up and perpetuate a succession of able and honest men for discharging the various offices and duties of the community, both *civil* and *religious*, with usefulness and reputation; and such institutions of learning have accordingly merited and received the attention and encouragement of the wisest and best regulated states.

AND WHEREAS former legislatures of this state have, according to their best abilities, laid a considerable foundation in this good work, in sundry laws for the establishment and encouragement of county schools, for the study of "*Latin, Greek, Writing, and the like;*" intending, as their future circumstances might permit, to engraft or raise, on the foundation of said schools, more extensive seminaries of learning, by erecting one or more Colleges or places of universal study, not only in the learned languages, but in philosophy, divinity, law, physic, and other useful and ornamental arts and sciences.

AND WHEREAS this great and laudable undertaking hath been retarded by sundry incidents of a public nature, but chiefly by the great difficulty of fixing a situation on either shore of this state, for a seminary of universal learning, which might be

of equal benefit and convenience to the youth of both shores; and it having been represented to this General Assembly, that it would probably tend most to the immediate advancement of literature in this state, if the inhabitants of each shore should be left to consult their own convenience, in founding and *freely* endowing a college or seminary of general learning each for themselves, under the sanction of law; which two colleges or seminaries, if thought most conducive to the advancement of learning, religion and good government, may afterwards, by common consent, when duly founded and endowed, be united under one supreme legislative and visitatorial jurisdiction, as distinct branches or members of the same STATE UNIVERSITY, notwithstanding their distance of situation.

AND WHEREAS *Joseph Nicholson, James Anderson, John Scott, William Bordley, and Peregrine Lethbrury, Esquires, William Smith, Doctor in Divinity, and Benjamin Chambers, Esquire*, the present Visitors of Kent county school, in the town of Chester, have represented to this General Assembly, "That the said school hath of late increased greatly by an accession of students and scholars, from various parts of the Eastern Shore of this state, and the neighbouring Delaware state; there being now about *one hundred and forty* students and scholars in the said school, and the number expected soon to increase to at least *two hundred*;---and that the Latin and Greek languages, English, French, Writing, merchants accounts, and the different branches of Mathematics are taught in the same, under a sufficient number of able and approved Masters; that sundry of the students are preparing, and desirous, to enter upon a course of philosophy, and must repair to some other state, at a very grievous and inconvenient expence, to finish their education, unless they, the said Visitors, are enabled to enlarge the plan of the said school, by engrafting thereon, a system of liberal education in the arts and sciences, and providing necessary books and apparatus, with an additional number of Masters and Professors:"---And the said Visitors have further expressed their assurance, that if they were made capable in law of erecting the said school into a college or general seminary of learning, for the Eastern Shore or Peninsula between the bays of Chesapeake and Delaware, (maintaining the original design of the said school, as a foundation not to be violated) very considerable sums could be raised in a few years within the said peninsula, by free and voluntary contributions, for the establishment and support of such seminary. And have accordingly *prayed*, that a law may be passed to enable them the said Visitors to enlarge and improve the said school into a college, or place of universal learning, with the usual privileges. Now this General Assembly taking the said petition into their serious consideration, and being desirous to encourage and promote knowledge within this state, have agreed to enact,
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and *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Joseph Nicholson, James Anderfon, John Scott, William Bordley, Peregrine Lethrbury, William Smith, and Benjamin Chambers, the present Visitors of Kent county school, and their fucceffors, fhall have full power and authority to erect the faid fchool into a college or feminary of univerfal learning, and to increafe the number of Visitors and Governors thereof to *twenty-four*, in manner following; that is to fay,

Firſt. The faid faid Visitors of Kent county ſchool, and their fucceffors, for and during the term of five years next after the paſſing of this act, are hereby empowered and made capable to receive contributions and ſubſcriptions for the faid intended college or ſeminary of univerfal learning, of any perſon or perſons who may be willing to promote ſo good a deſign; and in caſe any number or denomination of contributors in any county of the Eaſtern Shore of this ſtate, or of the peninſula aforeſaid, in the neighbouring ſtates, ſhall ſubſcribe and engage to pay towards the founding and ſupporting the faid intended college, any ſum not leſs than *five hundred pounds* current money, payable in Spaniſh milled dollars, or the value thereof, as the ſame may be at the times of payment, in good merchantable wheat or tobacco, the ſaid Visitors and their fucceffors, may covenant and agree with ſuch ſubſcribers and contributors, that there ſhall be one Viſitor and Governor of the faid college, choſen for ever out of ſuch county, for every five hundred pounds of ſpecie ſo ſubſcribed and paid, or ſecured to be paid, towards founding and ſupporting the faid college, and that the firſt election of every ſuch county Viſitor and Governor of the faid college, ſhall be made by the ſubſcribers and contributors in the county, within three months after the ſum of five hundred pounds, or the value thereof, ſhall be ſubſcribed and paid, or ſecured to be paid as aforeſaid; and due notice of the time and place of election ſhall be given to the ſubſcribers and contributors in every county, in ſuch form and manner as ſhall be agreed upon by the Viſitors of Kent county ſchool, and ſet forth in the preamble of the ſubſcription papers, which the ſaid Viſitors ſhall ſend into the ſeveral counties for obtaining ſubſcriptions towards founding and a ſupporting the faid college.

Secondly. If the Viſitors of any county ſchool on the ſaid Eaſtern Shore, for the more effectual advancement of uſeful knowledge, and the better promoting the good purpoſes for which ſuch county ſchools were originally founded, ſhall be deſirous to engraft and consolidate the funds and eſtate of ſuch county ſchool, or any part or parts of the ſame with the funds and eſtate of the faid intended college, the Viſitors of Kent county ſchool, for and during the term of five years next after paſſing this act, (unleſs the faid college is ſooner eſtabliſhed agreeable

agreeably to the tenor hereof) and the Visitors and Governors of the college, at any time after the same shall be so established, shall have full power and authority to treat and agree with the Visitors of such county school, and to allow one Visitor and Governor of the college, to be for ever chosen from among the inhabitants of such county, for every five hundred pounds which any such county schools may contribute towards founding and supporting the said college, the first choice to be in the Visitors of such county school; or in consideration of the said five hundred pounds contribution, or of any sum or estate of greater or less value, this may be thus given by any county school, towards the said college, any other privileges and advantages, in respect to the education of the youth of such county in the college, may be fixed and agreed upon, as shall be judged reasonable between the Visitors and Governors of the college, and the Visitors of such county school, instead of fixing any Visitor and Governor to be for ever chosen from the said county. And all contracts and agreements truly and fairly made for founding and supporting the said college as above set forth, shall be good and effectual in law, according to the plain intent, and the true and legal construction of the same; *Provided always*, That the whole number of Visitors and Governors of the said college, shall never be more than twenty-four at one time, nor under seventeen; and that not less than Seven of them shall have their usual residence in Kent county, and within seven miles of the town of Chester aforesaid.

Thirdly. When any of the first Visitors and Governors of the said college chosen as aforesaid on the part of any county, or any of the Visitors and Governors in general, shall die, or remove out of the county for which he was chosen, or absent himself from four succeeding quarterly meetings, without such excuse or plea of necessary absence as shall be deemed reasonable by a legal and just quorum of the said Visitors and Governors, duly assembled at a quarterly visitation of the said college, such quorum so assembled, shall proceed by a new election to fill up the seat and place of such deceased, removed or absenting member; having special regard that in the room of a deceased, removed or absenting Visitor and Governor, from any particular county, another of the same county be always chosen in his room and stead.

And be it enacted, That when ten Visitors and Governors of the said intended college shall be chosen as aforesaid, in addition to the seven Visitors of Kent county school for the time being, and when the said seventeen Visitors and Governors shall, by an instrument of writing under their hands, to the General Assembly of this state, directed and duly delivered, declare, that they are willing and desirous to take upon them, and to discharge,

charge, the trust of Visitors and Governors of the said intended college, and that an estate, or sum and sums of money, not less than *five thousand pounds* current money, or the just value thereof (including the estate of the said Kent county school) is in their hands, or so secured to be paid to them that they will answer for the value thereof, and the application of the same towards founding, endowing, and supporting the said intended college, according to their best judgment, and the tenor of this act; provided always, that such instrument of writing be lodged with the General Assembly as aforesaid, within five years after the passing of this act; that then and in such case, the said seventeen Visitors and Governors, and such other person and persons as they shall choose to make up and perpetuate the number of twenty-four, agreeable to the tenor hereof, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, *one community, corporation and body politic*, to have continuance forever, by the name of "The Visitors and Governors of WASHINGTON COLLEGE, in the state of Maryland," in honourable and perpetual memory of his excellency General *Washington*, the illustrious and virtuous commander in chief of the armies of the united states; and by the same name they shall have perpetual succession; provided nevertheless, that seventeen of the said Visitors and Governors, shall always be residents on the Eastern Shore of this state, but that the seven additional Visitors and Governors (to make up and perpetuate the number of twenty-four) may be chosen from this, or any part of the adjacent states, if they are such persons as can reasonably undertake to attend the quarterly visitations, and are thought capable, by their particular learning, weight and character, to advance the interest and reputation of the said seminary.

And be it enacted, That the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, by the same name, shall be able and capable in law, to purchase, have and enjoy to them and their successors in fee, or for any other lesser estate or estates, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments, within this state, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, alienation, enfeoffment, release, confirmation or devise of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same; and such lands, tenements, rents, annuities, pensions or other hereditaments, or any lesser estates, rights or interests of or in the same, (excepting the estate of the said Kent county school) at their pleasure to grant, alien, sell and transfer, in such manner and form, as they shall think meet and convenient for the furtherance of the said college; and also that they may take and receive any sum or sums of money, and any kind, manner or portion of goods and chattles that shall be given, sold or bequeathed to them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make a gift, sale or bequest thereof, and
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employ the same towards erecting, setting up and maintaining the said college, in such manner as they shall judge most necessary and convenient for the instruction, improvement and education of youth, in the vernacular and learned languages, and generally in any kind of literature, arts and sciences, which they shall think proper to be taught for training up good, useful and accomplished men, for the service of their country in church and state; and youth of all religious denominations and persuasions, shall be freely and liberally admitted to equal privileges and advantages of education, and to all the literary honors of the college, according to their merit, and the standing rules of the seminary, without requiring or enforcing any religious or civil test whatsoever upon any student, scholar or member of the said college, other than such oath of fidelity to the state as the laws thereof may require of the Visitors, Governors, Masters, Professors and Teachers in schools and seminaries of learning in general; nor shall any preference be given in the choice of any Visitor and Governor of the said college, or of the Principal, Vice-Principal or any Professor or Master, on account of his religious persuasion, but merely on account of his literary and other necessary qualifications to fill the place for which he is chosen.

And be it enacted, That the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge, judges or justices within this state and elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands, of whatsoever kind, nature or form they be; and all and every other matter and thing therein to do in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate within this state, or any of the united states of America, in like cases, may or can do.

And be it enacted, That the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to have, make, and use one common and public seal, and likewise one privy seal, with such devices and inscriptions as they shall think proper, and to ascertain, fix and regulate the uses of both seals by their own laws, and the same seals, or either of them, to change, break, alter, and renew at their pleasure.

And be it enacted, That the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, from time to time, and at all times hereafter forever, shall have full power and authority to constitute and appoint, in such manner as they shall think best and most convenient, a *Principal* and *Vice-Principal* of the said college, and Professors, with proper Tutors and Assistants, for instructing the students and scholars of the said seminary, in all the liberal
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arts and sciences, and in the ancient and modern tongues and languages; who shall be severally styled Professors of such arts, sciences, languages, or tongues as they shall be nominated and appointed for, according to each particular nomination and appointment; and the said Principal, Vice-Principal, and Professors so constituted and appointed from time to time, shall be known and distinguished forever as one *learned body or faculty*, by the name of "*The Principal, Vice-Principal and Professors of Washington college, in the state of Maryland,*" and by that name shall be capable of exercising such powers and authorities as the Visitors and Governors of the said college, and their successors, shall, by their ordinances, think necessary to delegate to them for the instruction, discipline and government of the said seminary, and of all the students, scholars, ministers and servants belonging to the same; and the said Principal and Vice-Principal, Professors, students, scholars, and such necessary ministers and servants as give constant attendance upon the business of the college, shall be exempted from all rates and taxes on their salaries, and from all *military* duties, except in the case of an actual invasion of the state, and when general military law is declared.

And be it enacted, That the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said college and corporation, shall not exceed six thousand pounds current money, to be reckoned in Spanish milled dollars, at the present rate and weight; and all gifts, grants and bequests to the said college and corporation, after the yearly value of their estates shall amount to six thousand pounds as aforesaid, and all bargains and purchases to be made by the said corporation, which may increase the yearly value of said estate, above or beyond the sum aforesaid, shall be absolutely void and of none effect.

And be it enacted, That the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, shall meet at least four times in every year, in stated quarterly meetings to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other times as by their said ordinances they may direct, in order to examine the progress of the students and scholars in literature, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline of the seminary, and the good and wholesome execution of their ordinances; in all which examinations, meetings and determinations, such number of the said Visitors and Governors, duly met, (provided they be not less than seven) shall be a quorum, as the fundamental ordinances at first, or any time afterwards duly enacted by a majority of the whole Visitors, shall fix and determine.

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And be it enacted, That a majority of the said Visitors and Governors for the time being, when duly assembled at any quarterly, or other meeting, upon due notice given to the whole body of Visitors and Governors, shall have full power and authority to make fundamental ordinances for the government of the said college, and the instruction of the youth as aforesaid, and by these ordinances to appoint such a number of their own body not less than seven, as they may think proper to be a quorum for transacting all general and necessary business of the said seminary, and making temporary rules for the government of the same; and also by the said fundamental ordinances, to delegate to the Principal, Vice-Principal and Professors, such powers and authorities as they may think best for the standing government of the said seminary, and the execution of the ordinances and rules of the same; provided always, that they be not repugnant to the form of government, or any law of this state.

And for animating and encouraging the students of the said college to a laudable diligence, industry and progress in useful literature and science, be it enacted, that the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, shall by a written *mandate* under their privy seal, and the hand of some one of the Visitors and Governors to be chosen annually as their President, according to the ordinance to be made for that purpose, have full power and authority to direct the Principal, Vice-Principal and Professors, to hold public commencements, either on stated annual days, or occasionally as the future ordinances of the said seminary may direct; and at such commencements to admit any of the students in the said college, or any other persons meriting the same (whose names shall be severally inserted in the said mandate) to any *degree* or *degrees* in any of the faculties, arts and sciences, and liberal professions to which persons are usually admitted in other colleges or universities in America or Europe; and it is hereby enacted that the Principal, or in case of his death or absence, the Vice-Principal, and in case of the death or absence of both, the senior Professor who may be present, shall make out and sign with his name, Diplomas or certificates of the admission to such degree or degrees, which shall be sealed with the public or greater seal of the said corporation or college, and delivered to the graduates as honorable and perpetual testimonials of such admission; which diplomas, if thought necessary for doing greater honor to such graduates, shall also be signed with the names of the different Professors, or as many of them as can conveniently sign the same; provided always, that no student or students within the said college, shall ever be admitted to any such degree or degrees, nor have their name inserted in any mandate for a degree, until such student or students have been first duly examined and thought worthy
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of the same, at a public examination of candidates, to be held one whole month previous to the day of commencement in the said college, by and in the presence of the said Visitors and Governors, or of such quorum of them, not less than seven, as the ordinances of the college may authorize for that purpose, and in the presence of any other persons choosing to attend the same; and provided further, that no person or persons, excepting the students belonging to the said seminary, shall ever be admitted to any honorary or other degree or degrees in the same, unless thirteen of the Visitors and Governors (of whom the President shall be one) by a mandate under their privy seal, and signed by the hands of the whole thirteen, to the Principal, Vice-Principal and Professors directed, have signified their approbation and authority for the particular admission of such person to said degree or degrees.

And be it enacted, That the Visitors of Kent county school, may set aside and appropriate ten acres of the land belonging to the said school, where they shall think most convenient, for erecting necessary buildings for carrying on the said college, and laying out gardens and grounds for the recreation and refreshment of the youth, and other suitable exercises: And the remainder of the grounds belonging to the said Kent county school, may and shall be leased out by the Visitors of the said school for the time being, and by the Visitors and Governors of the said college, after the same shall be established, in leases for lives, or *ninety-nine* years, or on any other leases that may be judged most beneficial for advancing the cause of learning, and promoting the said college agreeable to the original design for which the said Kent county school was founded, and for which the said school lands were purchased.

And be it enacted, That the ordinances which shall be from time made by the Visitors and Governors of the said college, and their successors, with an account of their other proceedings, and of the management of the estate and monies committed to their trust, shall, when required, be laid before the General Assembly of Maryland, for their inspection and examination; but in case at any time hereafter, through oversight or otherwise, through misapprehensions and mistaken constructions of the powers, liberties and franchises in this charter or act of incorporation granted or intended to be granted, any ordinances should be made by the said corporation of Visitors and Governors, or any matters done and transacted by the corporation contrary to the tenor thereof, *It is enacted,* That although all such ordinances, acts and doings, shall in themselves be null and void; yet they shall not, however, in any courts of law, or by the General Assembly, be deemed, taken, interpreted or adjudged into an avoidance or forfeiture of this charter and act

of incorporation, but the same shall be, and remain unhurt, inviolate and entire unto the said corporation of Visitors and Governors, in perpetual succession; and all their acts conformable to the powers, true intent and meaning hereof, shall be, and remain in full force and validity, the nullity and avoidance of such illegal acts to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it enacted and declared, That this charter and act of incorporation, and every part thereof, shall be good and available in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed and adjudged in all cases most favorably on the behalf, and for the best benefit and behoof of the said Visitors and Governors, and their successors, so as most effectually to answer the valuable ends of this act of incorporation, towards the general advancement and promotion of useful knowledge, science and virtue.

And be it enacted, That no person shall act as Visitor and Governor, or as Principal or Vice-Principal, or as Professor in the said college, before he shall take the oath of fidelity and support to this state required by the constitution, or by the laws of this state.

The foregoing Charter or Act of Incorporation having duly passed the General Assembly, at their Spring-Sessions, 1782, a Meeting of the Seven Visitors and Governors named in it was held, and the Revd. Dr. SMITH, their President, at the Request and by the Appointment of the *Board*, undertook to visit the different Counties on the Eastern Shore, in order to open the Subscriptions for founding the Seminary, agreeably to the Tenor of the Law. The following was the Preamble to the different Subscription Papers; which, in less than three Months, were filled up, as in the Lists hereunto subjoined, viz.

To the Inhabitants of the Eastern Shore
of MARYLAND, &c.

GENTLEMEN,

BY the foregoing *Act* for founding a COLLEGE on this Shore, an Opportunity is offered, which good and wise men have long wished for, of making a provision for the future education of your Youth, in the liberal Arts and Sciences, and all the branches of useful and ornamental Knowledge.

Colleges and Schools of general learning have, long since, been founded in most of the *Sister-States*, and the advantages which our Youth have derived from them, have been manifested in all the late and former trials of the wisdom, virtue and magnanimity of America. The Youth of *Maryland* have been particularly distinguished among the rest; but have been obliged, at a very grievous and unequal expence, to prepare themselves for public life by repairing, for their education, either to Great Britain, or to some of the neighbouring American States.

The inhabitants of this Shore and Peninsula, for whose benefit this Foundation is more immediately designed, are descended from some of the most ancient families and settlers in America, and would undoubtedly wish, by good education, to support the rank of their posterity, and to give them their full consequence in this *rising* EMPIRE.—Further arguments would be needless.

The *Visitors* of *Kent County School* wish to discharge the important trust committed to them by the foregoing *Act*, with zeal and integrity, according to their best abilities. The school and valuable estate under their care, want only a little public assistance and countenance, to place them on a footing with the most respectable *Colleges* or *Universities* in America, being little inferior to any of them in the present number of scholars and students.

The distance of the town of Chester from alarms in time of war, its healthful situation, and convenience of accommodation for Youth, have, by general agreement, pointed it out as the best place for a Seminary of universal Learning on this Shore.

Being persuaded, therefore, that the present opportunity, which hath been so long desired, will be cheerfully embraced, for founding a College on this Shore, under the *auspicious* name
with

with which the Legislature have dignified it; We, the *Visitors* aforesaid, in execution of the trust and duties committed to us, by the said act, propose the following—

ARTICLES to be mutually binding on the *Visitors of Kent County School*, and the Subscribers and Contributors towards founding and supporting “WASHINGTON-COLLEGE, in the State of Maryland.”

I. Every subscription shall be made in specie of gold and silver, and payable (as the Act directs) in *Spanish milled Dollars* of the usual weight, or the value thereof, as the same may be at the times of payment, in good merchantable Wheat or Tobacco.

II. For the greater ease of the Subscribers, the payments shall be made in three equal parts; one third part on the first Monday in January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three; another third part on the first Monday in January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four; and the remaining third on the first Monday in January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five; which several payments shall be made to the Treasurer of Kent County School, till the College is established according to law, and afterwards to the Treasurer of the College, as nominated by the Visitors and Governors thereof; and the hand-writing of every particular subscriber shall be binding in law on himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, for the sum subscribed, or the value thereof, with legal interest, if not paid when due; and the receipt of the Treasurer aforesaid shall be a sufficient discharge for all subscriptions and contributions.

Within three months after the sum of Five Hundred Pounds shall be subscribed by any number of contributors or persons in any county, or district of a county, in sums not less than *Nine Pounds*, or *Three Pounds* per annum for three years, by single subscribers or contributors, and the same shall be notified by any three of the subscribers to the Visitors of *Kent County School*, accompanied with an authentic list of the subscribers, the said Visitors, agreeable to the foregoing Act, will fix a convenient time and place for such subscribers and contributors of *Nine Pounds* and upwards, to meet within the county, for electing one person as a *Visitor and Governor of the College* for such county, or district of the county; and will cause written or printed notices of the time and place of election, to be fixed up at the Court-House and different Parish Churches within such county, at least *ten* days before the day of election, that all persons concerned may duly attend.

A LIST of the SUBSCRIPTIONS in the
different Counties on the EASTERN SHORE,
for founding, endowing and supporting
WASHINGTON-COLLEGE, in
the State of MARYLAND, as delivered to the
General Assembly, November 26th, 1782,
agreeably to the Charter or Incorporating
Act.

| His Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq; General and Com- mander in Chief of the Armies of the United States, as an Earnest of his Good- will, Fifty Guineas, £ 87 10 0 | | <i>Amount brought up</i> | | £. | s. | d. |
|--|--------------------|---|--|-----|----|----|
| | | | | 448 | 12 | 10 |
| <i>Kent County.</i> | | Richard G. Smyth | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Joseph Nicholson | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | | James Anderson | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | William Smith | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Benjamin Chambers | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | | John Scott | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | | James M. Anderson | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Barney Corfe | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Edward Wright | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Simon Wilmer | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| John Cadwalader | £. s. d. 50 0 0 | Edward Worrel | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| William Slubey | 55 7 10 | John Sturgis | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Page | 25 0 0 | Peregrine Lethrbury | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Lambert Wilmer | 30 0 0 | Josias Ringgold | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Graves | 30 0 0 | John Bolton | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Buchanan | 20 0 0 | James Piper | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Smyth | 30 0 0 | Anne Deane | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| William Dunn | 9 0 0 | Anthony Banning | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Simon Wickes | 9 0 0 | Emory Sudler | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| James Claypoole | 9 0 0 | St. Leger Everett | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Van Dyke | 11 5 0 | Charles Groom | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Horatio Belt | 9 0 0 | William Embleton | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| William Houston | 9 0 0 | John Kennerd | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Kemp | 9 0 0 | James Smith | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Blake | 9 0 0 | Marmaduke Medford | | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| John Wickes | 9 0 0 | James M'CLean | | 25 | 6 | 7 |
| John Harragan | 9 0 0 | Luke Griffith | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Forman | 30 0 0 | Rafin Gale | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Perkins | 20 0 0 | Thomas Smith, jun. | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| William Bordley | 18 0 0 | John Blakeway | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Anderson | 15 0 0 | Edward Scanlan | | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Lorrain | 15 0 0 | Daniel Matzler | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Williams | 9 0 0 | John Wilfon, jun. | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Philip Brooks | 9 0 0 | Thomas Medford | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Amount carried forward</i> £ 448 12 10 | | <i>Amount carried forward</i> £ 914 4 5 | | | | |

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| <i>Amount brought over</i> | £. | s. | d. | <i>Amount brought up</i> | £. | s. | d. |
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| | 914 | 4 | 5 | | 1499 | 9 | 5 |
| Robert Constable | 10 | 0 | 0 | Robert Roberts | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Cruckshank | 10 | 0 | 0 | Nathaniel Kennard, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Lloyd | 20 | 0 | 0 | Marmaduke Tilden | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| James Lloyd | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| William Wilmer | 9 | 0 | 0 | <i>Total Amount of Kent County at the Elec- tions, October 1782.</i> | | | |
| Arthur Miller | 24 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| William Ringgold, jun. | 10 | 0 | 0 | } £ 1532 9 5 | | | |
| Joseph Wickes | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Simon Wickes, jun. | 12 | 0 | 0 | <i>Queen Anne's County.</i> | | | |
| Richard Hinson | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Morgan Brown | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| John Sutton | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Richard Spencer | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Charles Tilden | 16 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Marmaduke Tilden, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Paca | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| James Friby | 10 | 0 | 0 | Edward Tilghman | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| John Moore, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Hemsley | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| James Williamson | 9 | 0 | 0 | J. Beale Bordley | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Jere Nichols | 15 | 0 | 0 | Edward Coursey | 32 | 10 | 0 |
| Richard Ricaud | 12 | 0 | 0 | Richard B. Carmichael | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Miller | 9 | 0 | 0 | Alexander Lawfon | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| William Gale | 10 | 0 | 0 | Robert Dawson | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Arthur Bryan | 5 | 5 | 0 | Richard S. Earle | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| James Dunn | 15 | 0 | 0 | Walter Jackson | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| James Hodges | 9 | 0 | 0 | Joseph Nicholson, jun. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| John Williamson | 15 | 0 | 0 | C. J. Wedderstrandt | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Brown | 9 | 0 | 0 | James Earle | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Morgan Hurt | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Bruff | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Dunn | 12 | 0 | 0 | S. Clayton | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Carvil Hinson | 9 | 0 | 0 | Thomas Wright | 32 | 10 | 0 |
| Samuel Gott | 9 | 0 | 0 | Arthur Emory, jun. | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| William Friby | 9 | 0 | 0 | Thos. Emory of Arthur | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John Day | 9 | 0 | 0 | Edward Downes | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| William Maxwell, jun. | 15 | 0 | 0 | William Hacket | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| James Pearce | 15 | 0 | 0 | James Clayland | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Freeman | 12 | 0 | 0 | William Wright | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Nathaniel Comegys | 12 | 0 | 0 | Turbutt Wright | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Spencer | 12 | 0 | 0 | Richard Emory | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Wallis (Morgan's Creek) | 10 | 0 | 0 | Robert Wilfon | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Brooks | 9 | 0 | 0 | James Seth | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| William Hanson | 9 | 0 | 0 | Clement Sewell | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Malachi Ambrose | 10 | 0 | 0 | Richard Tilghman | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Davis | 15 | 0 | 0 | William Ringgold | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| James Hinson, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 | Thomas Marsh Forman | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexander Baird | 15 | 0 | 0 | J. W. Clayton | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Gleaves | 10 | 0 | 0 | William Thompson | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| William Geddes | 30 | 0 | 0 | Charles Troup, a Certi- ficate for £ 200, valu- ed at - - | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| William Wilfon | 9 | 0 | 0 | John Brown | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Ebenezer Maffy | 9 | 0 | 0 | Samuel Ridgeway | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Boyer | 9 | 0 | 0 | James Bordley | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| George Wilfon | 15 | 0 | 0 | Jacob Ringgold | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Carried forward</i> | £ 1499 | 9 | 5 | <i>Amount carried forward</i> | £ 766 | 0 | 0 |

| <i>Amount brought over</i> | £. | s. | d. | <i>Amount brought up</i> | £. | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|-----|----|----|--------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | 766 | 0 | 0 | | 409 | 15 | 0 |
| William Smyth | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Hayward | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Vachel Downes | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Perry | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| James O Bryan | 15 | 0 | 0 | Rev. John Bowie | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| John Fisher | 9 | 0 | 0 | Robert Lloyd Nichols | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| James Hacket | 9 | 0 | 0 | Rev. John Gordon | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Thompson | 15 | 0 | 0 | John Coates | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Thompson | 20 | 0 | 0 | John Troup | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Hawkins | 9 | 0 | 0 | Charles Gardiner | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Griffin Fount Le Roy | 18 | 0 | 0 | Richard Skinner | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Walters | 20 | 0 | 0 | John Needles | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Joshua Seney | 13 | 0 | 0 | Isaac Gilpin | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Wright | 30 | 0 | 0 | Charles Crookshanks | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| James Kent | 9 | 0 | 0 | Nicholas Cox | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Dames | 9 | 0 | 0 | The Visitors of Talbot | | | |
| James Gould | 9 | 0 | 0 | free School | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Seney | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Elijah Bishop | 12 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| John Foreman | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Richard B. Lloyd | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

Total Amount of } £ 971 15 0
Talbot County, }

Tot. Amount of Queen }
Anne's County at the } £ 1050 0 0
Election of two Visi- }
tors, October 1782. }

Dorchester County.

| | £. | s. | d. | | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|----------------------|-----|----|----|
| | | | | Robert Goldsborough | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | William Ennalls | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Ennalls, jun. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | James Murray | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Rev. Samuel Keene | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Hooper | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Dickinson | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Joseph Daffin | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Ennalls | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Stevens | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Wm. Ennalls Hooper | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Levin Kirkman | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Willis Newton | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | James Shaw | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Smoot | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | James Sullivan | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Archibald Patifon | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Joseph Richardson | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Marshal | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Thomas Bourke | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Robinson Stevens | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Murray | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Maynadier | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Henry Waggaman | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Gustavus Scott | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Bartholomew Ennalls, | | | |
| | | | | jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | James Gordon | 9 | 0 | 0 |

Amount carried forward £ 409 15 0

Amount carried forward £ 671 0 0

Talbot County.

| <i>Amount brought over</i> | £. | s. | d. | <i>Amount brought up</i> | £. | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|----|--|-------|----|----|
| | 671 | 0 | 0 | | 306 | 0 | 0 |
| William Wheland | 9 | 0 | 0 | John Done | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Stanford | 9 | 0 | 0 | Thomas Maddux, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Hooper | 9 | 0 | 0 | John Stewart | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| William E. Hicks | 9 | 0 | 0 | Esme Bayly | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexander Smith | 9 | 0 | 0 | Henry Handy | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Levin Travers | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Horfey | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Bartholomew Ennalls | 9 | 0 | 0 | William M'Bryde | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Tho. Ennalls (<i>Blackwater</i>) | 9 | 0 | 0 | George Day Scott | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| George Bonwill | 9 | 0 | 0 | William Winder | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| John M. Anderfon | 12 | 0 | 0 | James Houfton | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Ewing | 9 | 0 | 0 | George Handy | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Jones | 9 | 0 | 0 | Ebenezer Waller | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Anne Mufe | 30 | 0 | 0 | Gillifs Polk | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Elizabeth Ennalls | 30 | 0 | 0 | William Adams | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| John Goldfborough | 20 | 0 | 0 | John Adams | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| John Le Compte | 15 | 0 | 0 | Henry Lowes | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Mofes Allen | 15 | 0 | 0 | John Waters | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Pritchett Willey | 9 | 0 | 0 | Hamilton Bell, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Owens | 9 | 0 | 0 | Wm. Dashiell, fen. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Anne Steel | 15 | 0 | 0 | A. Cheney | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Levin Woolford | 9 | 0 | 0 | John Evans (<i>of Nicholas</i>) | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Lockerinan | 9 | 0 | 0 | Alexander Roberts | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Griffith | 9 | 0 | 0 | Thomas Bruff | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| John Keene | 9 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Arthur Whiteley | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Stanley Byus | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| James Steel | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | <i>Total Amount of } Somerset County }</i> | £ 616 | 0 | 0 |

Total Amount of Dor-
chester County, } £ 1021 0 0

Worcester County.

| | £. | s. | d. | | £. | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|
| | | | | Joseph Dashiell | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Peter Chaille | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Benjamin Purnell (<i>of</i> <i>Matthew</i>) | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Charles Bennet | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Solomon Long | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Philip Quinton | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | William Purnell | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Robert Done | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | William Selby | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | James Quinton | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Martin, jun. | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | George Fruitt, jun. | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Dr. Bishop | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Thomas Martin | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Jethro Bowin | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | John Parramore | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | William Holland | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Levin Davis | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Levin Blake | 15 | 0 | 0 |

Amount carried forward £ 306 0 0 *Amount carried forward* £ 266 0 0

To the Honorable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of Maryland.

WE, the subscribers, agreeable to our appointment by "the Visitors and Governors of Washington College, in the State of Maryland," and on their behalf, beg leave to present and deliver to the General Assembly, the *instrument of writing, or declaration of trust*, required by law, as the condition upon which the operation of their charter is to commence.

The very numerous and liberal subscriptions which have been obtained towards founding and supporting this College, in the different counties to which our applications were directed, are a proof of the zeal of the subscribers for the advancement of knowledge, virtue and public spirit. By that zeal, the Visitors of Kent county school have been enabled to give existence to a Corporation for the advancement of literature, in less than *five months*, for which they were allowed *five years* by the indulgence of law. We trust, and are assured, that such exertions of individuals, for the public emolument, do not only merit, but will receive the most public approbation, as well as future protection and encouragement, of the Legislature. Together with the *declaration of trust*, and list of subscriptions, we beg leave to present to the *General Assembly*, copies of a letter from the Visitors of Kent county school to his Excellency the illustrious Commander in Chief of our armies, on the subject of this College, and of the answer which they had the honor to receive from him. The exalted and patriotic sentiments which it contains can only be truly conveyed to the public by the letter itself.

We would further humbly *pray* the General Assembly, that the several papers and *subscription lists* herewith presented may be preserved among their journals and printed with the same; that the names of the *first founders, benefactors and patrons of this seminary* may remain on PERPETUAL RECORD. The names of future benefactors will be reported and recorded as occasion may require.

WILLIAM SMITH.

PERE LETHBRURY.

November 26. 1782.

To

To the Honorable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of Maryland.

WE, the subscribers, "Visitors and Governors of Washington College, in the State of Maryland," beg leave to declare, that, agreeable to the act, whereby we are incorporated, entitled, "An Act for founding a College at Chester Town," there are *ten* visitors and governors duly chosen in different counties of this shore, upon subscriptions of *Five Hundred Pounds* each, in addition to the *seven* visitors of Kent County School; and that "we are willing and desirous to take upon us and discharge the trust of visitors and governors of the said college, and that an estate or sum and sums not less than *Five Thousand Pounds* current money (including the estate of Kent county school) is so secured to be paid to us, that we will answer for the value thereof, and the application of the same, towards founding, endowing and supporting the said College, according to our best judgment and the tenor of the said act," which is our CHARTER. And we further declare that a sum of money, exceeding Five Thousand Pounds, (exclusive of the estate of Kent county school) and amounting to *Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence*,* is subscribed towards the said College, as will appear by the subscription lists herewith delivered; and that we will use our best endeavours, and have no doubt to obtain a due collection of the whole of the said subscriptions, and will faithfully apply the same, as far as obtained, towards founding, endowing,

This was the Amount at the Time of delivering the List of Subscribers to the General Assembly. But as the List stands above, added to what was produced by the Sale of Leases of Ninety-nine Years for Sixty-three Lots of Ground, herein after mentioned the whole Capital raised for the founding this Seminary of Learning from the Time of passing the Charter in May, 1782, to the first Commencement in May, 1783, was about TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED POUNDS. Considerable Benefactions have been since received, and a much larger Number soon expected, which will be laid before the World, in a future Publication.

dowing, and supporting the said College; and also all future benefactions, subscriptions, and contributions that may come into our management and power—

This we declare this 15th of Oct. 1782, under our hands, having first taken the oaths of fidelity and support to this State, according to the direction of our said charter of incorporation.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Subscribed October 15th, | { | William Smith, President. |
| | | Jos. Nicholson, |
| | | James Anderson, |
| | | John Scott, |
| | | William Bordley, |
| | | Pere Lethrbury, |
| | | Benjamin Chambers, |
| | | John Page, |
| | | Robert Goldsborough, |
| | | Wm. Perry, |
| | | Peter Chaille, |
| | | James Lloyd, |
| Joshua Seney. | | |

Oct. 22. Thomas Smyth, jun.

Nov. 8. Samuel Keene,

Nov. 13. Wm. Paca,

Nov. 19. Wm. Thomson.

Copy of a Letter from the Visitors of Kent County School, to His Excellency General Washington.

" *May it please your Excellency,*

BY order and in behalf of the Visitors of Kent County school, I have the honor to enclose to your Excellency, an act of the *General Assembly of Maryland*, for erecting a COLLEGE at Chester, for the benefit of the Eastern Shore, or Peninsula between Chesapeak and Delaware Bays, which they have dignified with the auspicious name of "WASHINGTON COLLEGE, in the State of Maryland, in honorable and perpetual memory of his Excellency *General Washington*, the illustrious and virtuous Commander in Chief of the armies of "the United States."

In every possible way, your country wishes to erect public monuments to you, even while *living*, and posterity, without doubt,

doubt, will greatly increase the number; but none, it is believed, can be more acceptable to you, than a *seminary of universal learning* expressly dedicated to your name, with a view of instructing and animating the youth of many future generations to admire and to imitate these *public virtues* and *patriot-labours*, which have created a private monument for you in the heart of every good citizen.

As this College is to be instituted upon the foundation of Kent county school, the Visitors of the said school are by law honored with the great trust of carrying the design into execution. They have already been favoured with very liberal subscriptions, under the auspices of your name; and have no doubt speedily of receiving such farther subscriptions, payable in three equal yearly payments, as will amount to the estimate in the law, and enable them, the next spring, to build the necessary school rooms for lectures in the sciences, and to furnish them with books and philosophical apparatus.

The Visitors hope to obtain your Excellency's permission to place your name at the head of the *seven* additional Visitors and Governors of the College, which the law allows to be chosen from any of the neighbouring States, to make up the number *twenty-four*, as you will observe in the perusal thereof. They further hope, that the time is not very remote, in which this infant seminary may salute you in person, and, like a dutiful child, as one of its first works, present the olive wreath and other emblems of peace to its father, guardian and protector:

I have the honor to be, in behalf and by order of the Visitors of Kent county school, your Excellency's most obedient and most humble servant,

WILLIAM SMITH.

Chester in Kent county, Maryland.
July 8, 1782.

Copy of his Excellency General Washington's Answer.

Head Quarters, Newburgh, 18th August, 1782.

I HAVE had the honor to receive your favour of the 8th ult. by Colonel Tilghman, who arrived here about ten days ago, and to whom I have committed the charge of forwarding this answer.

To

To the gentlemen who moved the matter, and to the Assembly for adopting it, I am much indebted for the honor conferred on me, by giving my name to the College at Chester. At the same time that I acknowledge the honor, I feel a grateful sensibility for the manner of bestowing it; which, as it will remain a monument of their esteem, cannot but make a deep impression on my mind, only to be exceeded by the flattering assurance of the lasting and extensive usefulness of the Seminary.

If the trifling sum of Fifty Guineas will be considered as an *Earnest* of my wishes for the prosperity of this Seminary, I shall be ready to pay that sum to the order of the Visitors, whenever it is their pleasure to call for it---It is too trifling to stand in any other point of view---nor would I wish it to do so.

With much pleasure should I consent to have my name enrolled among the worthy Visitors and Governors of this College; but convinced as I am that it will never be in my power to give the attendance which by law is required, my name could only be inserted to the exclusion of some other, whose abilities and proximity might enable him to become a more useful member.

When that period shall arrive, when we can hail the blest return of peace, it will add to my pleasure, to see this infant seat of learning rising into consistency and proficiency in the sciences, under the nurturing hands of its founders,

I have the honor to be, Reverend Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

*To the Rev. Dr. Smith, at Chester,
in Kent County, Maryland.*

By the House of Delegates, November 27th, 1782.

THE Address in behalf of the Visitors and Governors of *Washington College*, and their *declaration of trust*, with the list of subscriptions towards founding and supporting the said College, and copies of the letter from the Visitors of Kent County School, to his Excellency General Washington, and his answer, being read.

Resolved

Resolved, That the Visitors of Kent County School have exerted themselves with a laudable diligence and address in the execution of the trust committed to them, for founding the said College.

Resolved, That the numerous subscribers towards founding this College have given an exemplary proof of their zeal for the honor and interest of their country, by contributing so freely and liberally towards the establishment of a general Seminary, for the advancement of knowledge, virtue and public spirit.

Resolved That the declaration of trust by the Visitors and Governors of the said College, is an acceptable pledge and assurance that they will continue to exert their utmost zeal and abilities in carrying on and completing the establishment of a Seminary so successfully begun, and which promises to be of public utility to the present and future generations.

Resolved, That their exertions merit the approbation of the Legislature, and (when circumstances will permit) ought to receive their public encouragement and assistance.

Resolved, That the exalted and patriotic sentiments contained in the letter of his Excellency General *Washington*, in answer to the letter of the Visitors of Kent County School, and the polite manner in which he hath been pleased to accept the honorable intentions of the General Assembly, in dignifying the College with his name, are proofs of that goodness and greatness of soul by which he is actuated in all his conduct.

Resolved, That the several papers, upon which these resolutions are founded, be entered on the journals of the Assembly, and be published with the same, in honor to the first founders, benefactors and patrons of this Seminary.

True extract from the Minutes,

W. HARWOOD, Clk. Ho. Del.

By the Senate, Nov. 27th, 1782, read and assented to, by order,

JAMES MACCUBBIN, Clerk.

These resolves were passed *unanimously* in both houses. The Business of the College was carried on during the succeeding Winter with great Diligence and success; the Number of Students and Scholars constantly increasing. The first Commencement was held the ensuing Spring, of which the following is an Account, *viz.*

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Chester, in the State of Maryland, May 16, 1783.

On Wednesday last, the 14th instant, was held the FIRST COMMENCEMENT in WASHINGTON COLLEGE, for DEGREES in the ARTS and SCIENCES; which presented a scene not only new and interesting to the inhabitants of this Shore, but of the State in general.

At ten in the forenoon, a procession was formed from the place where the schools are now kept, to the Church in this town in the following order, viz.

1st. The body of Scholars and Students, two by two.

2d. The Candidates for Degrees, in the like order.

3d. The Faculty of Professors, with the Rev. WILLIAM SMITH, D. D. President of the Visitors and Governors, who acted, by appointment, as PRINCIPAL *pro Tempore*, at their head.

4th. The Corporation of Visitors and Governors, his Excellency WILLIAM PACA, Esq; Governor of the State, and one of the said Visitors and Governors, at their head.

When the procession arrived at the Church door, the scholars, students and candidates for degrees filed off to the right and left, forming a lane through which the Faculty and Corporation of Visitors and Governors marched into the Church, followed by the candidates, and then the students and scholars according to their classes and seniority.

The company being seated, the PRINCIPAL *pro Tempore* (Dr. SMITH) opened the business of the day with a solemn PRAYER and ADDRESS to the SUPREME BEING; and afterwards a short *Latin* oration to the learned and collegiate part of the audience, as custom seems to require. The candidates then proceeded with the public exercises as follows, viz.

1. A *Latin* SALUTATORY ORATION, by Mr. JOHN SCOTT.

2. An oration in *French*, by Mr. JAMES SCOTT.

3. A *Latin* SYLLOGISTIC DISPUTE---“*Num Æternitas Penarum contradicit divinis Attributis?*” Respondent Mr. CHARLES SMITH; Opponents Messrs. WILLIAM BARROL and WILLIAM BORDLEY.

4. An *English* FORENSIC DISPUTE---“*Whether the state of nature be a state of war?*” The Speakers were Messrs. John Scott, William Barrol, William Bordley and James Scott.

5. The

5. The Degrees were conferred by the PRINCIPAL as follow:

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| Messrs. | <i>Charles Smith,</i> <i>James Scott,</i> <i>John Scott,</i> <i>William Barrol,</i> <i>William Bordley,</i> | } Bachelors of Arts. |
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Mr. *Samuel Kerr*, Honorary Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. *Colin Ferguson*, Master of Arts.

Mr. *Samuel Armor*, Master of Arts of the College of *Philadelphia*, admitted *ad eundem*.

N. B. The two last gentlemen are the senior or chief Professors in the Arts and Sciences, and Mr. *Kerr* one of the Masters in the Grammar School.

6. An *English* Valedictory Oration, which concluded with a striking and *prophetic* copy of verses on the progress of the sciences and the growing glory of *America*---By Mr. *Charles Smith*.

7. The PRINCIPAL then closed the business of the *Commencement*, with an affectionate and pathetic CHARGE to the GRADUATES, respecting their future conduct in life; and what was to be expected from them, as the first or eldest sons of this rising seminary!--

The different speakers were honored with the justest applause of the audience, for the propriety of their delivery and many masterly strokes of eloquence in the different languages which they spoke, viz. *Latin*, *French* and *English*.---The Valedictory Oration in particular, from the nature of the subject, as well as beauty of the delivery, had a very striking effect upon all who were present.---

In the evening of the same day, Dr. YOUNG's TRAGEDY of the BROTHERS, notwithstanding the difficulty of the composition, was acted with the greatest applause before a vastly crowded and discerning audience, by the graduates and some others of the students. Messrs. *Charles Smith* and *John Scott*, who had before distinguished themselves in *Tamerlane* and *Bajazet*, as well as in some principal characters in other performances, during the last years of their education, concluded their scholastic labours in this way, by shining in the characters of the *Two Brothers*!

The day following (viz. on Thursday, May 15th) the Visitors and Governors, the Masters, Students and Scholars, accompanied by a great number of gentlemen from the neighbouring counties, went in procession to the hill where the new College is to be built; and after PRAYER by the Rev. Dr. SMITH, the

FOUNDATION-STONE was laid, with the proper ceremony, by his Excellency GOVERNOR PACA, who was saluted on the occasion by *thirteen* discharges of cannon. Orations in *French* were delivered by Messrs. *Thomas Worral* and *Ebenezer Perkins*; and a *Pastoral Dialogue* * was spoken by three of the younger scholars, in shepherds dresses, viz. Messrs. *Richard Smith*, *Robert Buchanan* and *Joseph Nicholson*. The performance being too long, perhaps, to insert at large, we give a few lines from the beginning and conclusion.---

“ When *Athens* flourish’d with the *Grecian* reign,
 “ And Chiefs and Heroes liv’d---a God-like Train!
 “ When by her Arms each neighbouring State was sway’d,
 “ And Kings an Homage to her Warriors paid---
 “ Ev’n then those Chiefs, who all the World subdu’d,
 “ Lower’d their proud Faces to the *Learn’d* and *Good*:
 “ Nor with less Glory in the Rolls of Fame
 “ Shines every SAGE s, than each Hero’s Name.”

This happy Day we glory in a Scene,
 Which *Athen’s* Self enraptur’d would have seen;
Science triumphant and a Land refin’d,
 Where once rude Ignorance sway’d th’ untutor’d Mind;
 ‘The *Wife*, the *Good*, the FATHERS OF THE STATE,
 Conven’d with Joy to fix the MUSE’s Seat;
 To lay a fast FOUNDATION-STONE, which shall
 Be only mov’d when sinks this *Earthly Ball*!
 Auspicious Day! no more the *Muses* mourn,
 But hail their Parent PEACE on her Return---
 Heav’n gives the Word, and bids Mankind repose,
 Contending Nations blush that they were Foes;
 Old Warriors now shall glow with Rage no more,
 But reap the Fields their Valour sav’d before.
 Hail Goddess PEACE! in thy celestial Mein
 Sweet Happiness and ev’ry Grace are seen;
 O’er thy smooth Brow no rugged Helmet frowns,
 An Olive Wreath thy shining Temple crowns.----
 Let now the Muses hasten to explore
 ‘The tawny Chief on *ERIE’s* distant Shore,
 Or trace his Steps among the Forests wide,
 That deep imbrown the vast *ONTARIO’s* Side;
 And bid him quick his deadly Bow unbend,
 For now destructive WAR is at an End;
 Let mighty *MISSISSIPPI*, as he runs,
 Proclaim aloud to all his swarthy Sons,
 That to Earth’s Ends fair *Science* shall encrease.
 And form one Reign of LEARNING and of PEACE!

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* This Dialogue was partly taken from one spoken on a similar Occasion, at the Conclusion of a former PEACE. The following are some of the other public Exercises on this Occasion.

*The VALEDICTORY ORATION,
delivered at the first COMMENCEMENT in
WASHINGTON-COLLEGE,
in the State of Maryland, May 14, 1783.*

BY CHARLES SMITH, B. A.

AT this triumphant period in the annals of AMERICA, while those SOVEREIGN and INDEPENDENT STATES look back to the *past* and forward to the *future*; while, with gratitude and exultation unspeakable, they contemplate the MIGHTY CONTEST which they have sustained, and now behold TRUTH and PEACE, in CHERUB FORM, descend from heaven to crown their labours, and conduct them from *scenes of blood* into the path of *happiness and glory*---while the fields laugh and sing with the prospect of *future plenty*, and nature, decked in *vernal pride*, participates in the general joy---At this triumphant period, my dear fellow-students, the task assigned to me is a severe one;---like a discordant string, amidst the universal jubilee, to call forth unavailing lamentations and *valedictory* tears, at the approaching dissolution of our connexion in these Seats of *wisdom and science*, where we have spent a happy part of our youthful years.

But, on this great occasion, I will dare to burst the bands of rigid *Academic rules*; and, if tears must be shed, they shall be tears of *congratulation and joy*---CONGRATULATION to the STATE OF MARYLAND, which (as the earliest and best fruits of *peace and independent empire*) beholds a *temple of virtue and knowledge*, a SEMINARY OF UNIVERSAL LEARNING, dedicated to the illustrious name of WASHINGTON, rising into lasting importance for the benefit of future generations---and joy to us, my fellow-graduates, who have been dignified with the *first laurels* of this Seminary, and are called forth to manifest the fruits of our education at the happy moment, when our *country* hath gloriously established her rank among the *nations of the earth*; when the most unbounded scope for *ambition* lies before us, and all the talents of the *scholar*, the *patriot* and the *hero* can find room for exertion, in building up the *mighty fabrick of American glory*!

Auspicious moment! happy occasion!---Ye FATHERS and LAW-GIVERS of the *State*, who by your public sanction have given a permanent foundation to this seminary, and honoured it with the most ample privileges! Ye noble BENEFACTORS of every rank, by whose liberal and well-timed bounty it now subsists---Ye learned and honoured body of VISITORS and GOVERNORS, by whose constant care it hath been nursed to its present perfection.

on, and you especially who first planned, and hath since animated the great design-----but here *filial* * *reverence* forbids-----to all of you, the thanks of your country to the latest times, and our most sincere and immediate thanks, who have reaped the *earliest fruits* of your *wisdom* and *benevolence*, are surely due! ---What greater honour can accrue to you in this world, what greater joy can your own reflections yield, than to consider yourselves as the instruments of Heaven for exalting the *genius* and *happiness* of your country, by establishments for the good education of youth, and forming the minds of the rising generations to the sublime sentiments of *honour* and *public spirit*! Kings and mighty States, in times of profoundest peace, have scarce been able, in many years, to bring to perfection such a seminary, as, under your guardianship, hath risen to view, in the course of a single year,---an year too, replete with the most interesting events both of *war* and *peace*! yours has been the glory, but ours the unspeakable advantage.----Oh! that a powerful *silence*, instead of the feeble efforts of our *utmost eloquence*, could be accepted as the expression of our gratitude to all of you, gentlemen, whose countenance and encouragement in the prosecution of our past studies, as well as upon the present great occasion, are at once our highest boast and most animating incentive!---To you † in particular, most excellent Sir, who (yourself a scholar and a patron of literature, and filling the seat of government in this State with *dignity* and *virtue*---) think it even an addition to your other honours to take a share in the government of this institution, and to animate us with your applauding presence---to you we owe every mark of the deepest gratitude and respect.

To you likewise, ye worthy Professors and Masters, who, by your abilities and indefatigable industry in the education and government of the Youth committed to your care, have contributed in an eminent degree to raise this seminary to its present rank in the Literary World; to you Gentlemen our obligations are unspeakable---With all the zeal of faithful instructors, as well as the solicitude of parents---you have produced us to the world this day, as the *first birth*, the *eldest sons* of this noble seminary. May no part of our future conduct disgrace the honours we have received, nor the noble lessons of morality you have taught us; but let us consider, that to shine forth in every excellence, as an example to the generations of youth who are to succeed us, will be the strongest instance of our gratitude to
you,

* It must have been a peculiar satisfaction to the gentleman to whom this *College* is so much indebted for its foundation, that a son of his own should be thought worthy of the *first degree* in the same.

† Governor Paca was present as one of the Visitors and Governors of the College, and also as one of its zealous Friends and Patrons.

you, as well as of our zeal for the future honour and prosperity of our *Alma Mater*, this *Nursery of Wisdom and Virtue*! And let us hope, that although our present connexion with you, as guardians and pupils, masters and scholars, is now to be dissolved by a painful and parting adieu, yet we shall meet again on the grand theatre of *public life*, as COMPATRIOTS and FELLOW-LABOURERS in our country's cause; and shall be indulged with the countenance of your protection and advice, in a course of *virtuous activity*!

Custom now requires that we should address a few words to you, ye hopeful youth of this seminary, who are pursuing us in our walk through the pleasing paths of science. Assisted by such kind and able instructors, countenanced and encouraged by such dignified characters, as your guardians and protectors, the eyes of the world upon you, the *rising Glory* of your country calling for *rising exertions* of *WISDOM* and *Virtue*---Oh lose not, I beseech you, lose not your present golden opportunities of preparing yourselves to act a worthy and dignified part in life. Be not discouraged with the apparent difficulty of improvement. Though the paths of knowledge may, at a distance, appear thorny, rough, and of steep and difficult access, yet upon a nearer view, and the farther you travel, you will find them smooth and easy. But, if you draw back, or even turn your eye aside, although with the firmest intention to renew your journey, the path, upon every fresh view, will appear still more steep and craggy; and you will be wholly deterred from ascending to the *HILL OF HONOUR*, where you may pluck wreaths of undying fame---But let your conduct be the reverse---On the summit of that *Hill* stands the *GUARDIAN GENIUS* of your *Country*.---Mount with a steady eye and divine ambition---Bend at her feet with *filial love*--implore her blessing---and you shall be blest!

And now, my dear Fellow-Graduates, I am to enter upon the last and most severe part of my duty, to bid adieu to you with whom I have been united in the most tender bonds of friendship; with whom I have shared the same recreations of youthful years; drank from the same *fountains* of *knowledge*, felt the same raptures at the recital of what is *good, great* and *Godlike*; and finally, whose *brows* have, this day, been adorned with the *same wreath of Academic glory*---Connexions and ties like these, formed, and (as it were) twined round the heart in early years, are hard to be dissolved.----With faltering tongue, and *tearful eye*, therefore, must the *last adieu* be pronounced!----But why should it be pronounced?----Although we are to *separate* in respect of *place*, and perhaps *professions* in life, yet we are not to *part* in *affections*, nor in the great object of our pursuits----the service of our country, and the advancement of whatever can enlighten, or be

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of benefit to mankind. On the contrary, I know, my dear Fellow-Graduates, that your hearts join with me, and all the *soul of the patriot* exults within you, while I step forward and *pledge* myself before this great and respectable assembly, that we who have this day been so highly distinguished in their fight, will make our *country's good*, the support of her *religion*, her *laws*, her *sovereignty* and *civil rights*, the grand object of all our pursuits----we will consider LIBERTY as the *first* of blessings, the parent of VIRTUE, the guardian of INNOCENCE, and the terror of VICE. *Equal laws*, *security of property*, *true religion*, *wisdom* *magnanimity*, *arts and sciences*, whatever can adorn or exalt human nature, are her lovely offspring!-----Where SHE dwells, *deserts* are turned into *fruitful fields*, and *villages* into *populous cities*.-----But still she dwells not in safety, without the CHERUB PEACE vouchsafes to dwell by her side.

[*Here bending on one knee.*]

Oh PEACE, the fairest gift of Heaven! long a stranger to this land! welcome be thy return! let thine abode with us be henceforth everlasting! may we be inspired from above to *use* thy blessings, as not *abusing* them, and may that happy period now spring to light and brighten into perpetual day when the *voice of discord*, the *clangor of the trumpet*, and the *din of arms*, shall be heard no more among men!-----

[*Here, rising up in poetic rapture.*]

* It comes! it comes! the *promis'd æra* comes!
Now PEACE and SCIENCE shall disperse the glooms
Of WAR and ERROR---and, with cheerful ray
O'er long benighted realms shed heavenly day---
Hark! the glad MUSES strike the warbling string,
And in melodious accents, thus they sing---
“ Woods, Brooks, Gales, Fountains, long unknown to Fame,
At length, as conscious of your future claim,
Prepare to nurse the *philosophic thought*,
To prompt the *serious* or the *sportive* note!
Prepare, ye *woods*, to yield the SAGE your shade,
And wave ambrosial verdures o'er his head!

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* About thirty years ago, the author of the above verses (Rev. Dr. Smith) published a plan of education, and a scheme for founding a College at *New-York*, entitled “ A general idea of the College of *Mirania*,” and these verses were prefixed, as spoken at the opening of such College. The author's scheme has not proved *Utopian*. THREE COLLEGES have been founded and carried on nearly upon his plan of education, and the verses have been spoken, with a few words of occasional alterations, at the *opening of two of the Colleges*, but have not been reprinted till now in *America*.

Ye *brooks* prepare to swell the POET's strain,
 Or gently murmur back his am'rous pain!
 Haste, O ye *gales*, your spicy sweets impart,
 In music breathe them to the exulting heart!
 Ye fountains, haste the inspiring wave to roll,
 And bid *Castalian* draughts refresh the soul!"

'Tis done---woods, brooks, gales, fountains all obey---
 And say, with general voice, or seem to say---
 "Hail Heaven-born PEACE, and holy SCIENCE hail!
 Thrice welcome to these shores, here ever dwell
 With shade and silence, far from dire alarms,
 The trumpet's horrid clang and din of arms---
 To you we offer every softer seat,
 Each sunny lawn and sylvan sweet retreat,
 Each flower verg'd stream, each amber-dropping grove,
 Each vale of pleasure and each bower of love,
 Where youthful nature with stupendous scenes,
 Lifts all the powers, and all the frame serene---
 Oh! then, here fix----earth, water, air invite,
 Till a *new* ROME and ATHENS spring to light!"

Smit deep, I antedate the golden days,
 And strive to paint them in sublimer lays.
 Behold! on periods, periods brightening rise,
 On WORTHIES, WORTHIES croud before mine eyes!
 To every ancient HERO, lo, a son!
 For CINCINNATUS see a WASHINGTON!
 See other BACONS, NEWTONS, LOCKES appear,
 And other PLATOS, EUCLIDS, TULLIES, near!
 Amidst undying greens they lie inspir'd,
 On mossy beds, by heavenly visions fir'd;
 Aloft they soar on contemplation's wing
 O'er worlds and worlds---and reach th' ETERNAL KING!
 Awak'd by other suns, and kindling strong
 With purest ardours for celestial song,
 Hark! other HOMERS, VIRGILS touch the string,
 And other POPES and MILTONS, joyous, sing;
 Find other TWIT'NAMS in each bowery wood,
 And other TIBERS in each sylvan flood!

Lo! the wild INDIAN, soften'd by their song,
 Emerging from his arbours, bounds along
 The green SAVANNAH patient of the *lore*
 Of dove'ey'd WISDOM---and is rude no more.
 Hark! even his babes MESSIAH's praise proclaim,
 Or fondly learn to lip JEHOVAH's name!

Oh!

Oh! SCIENCE! onward thus thy reign extend
 O'er realms yet unexplored till time shall end;
 Till death-like *ignorance* forsake the ball,
 And life endearing *knowledge* cover all;
 Till wounded *slavery* seek her native hell,
 With kindred fiends eternally to dwell!
 Not trackless deserts shall thy progress stay,
 Rocks, mountains, floods before thee shall give way;
 Sequester'd vales at thy approach shall sing,
 And with the sound of happy labour ring;
 Where *wolves* now howl shall polish'd *villas* rise,
 And towery cities grow into the skies!
 "Earth's farthest ends our glory shall behold,"
 And the *new* world teach FREEDOM to the *old*.

The following is a Copy of the *Salutatory Oration*, spoken at this Commencement, by Mr. JOHN SCOTT, as mentioned above; and is here recorded as a Specimen of elegant modern Latin, and as an Example for future Students to imitate.

ORATIO

ORATIO SALUTATORIA.

QUANTUAM, frequens vester conspectus, auditores humanissimi, incredibili insolitaque lætitia animum percellit; tamen, incipientem dicere, confiteor, me non minimo metu incuti, et rubore penè virgineo suffundi: præsertim cum meo sapientis animo succurrit, nihil in hoc venerando Musarum domicilio nisi cogitatione eximium, doctrinaque politum et elaboratum præferri oportere, nihil quod famæ non consulat nostræ adurgentis Academicæ, expleat spem et expectationem hujusce ornatissimi Conventus, respondeat munificentiae Curatorum, peritiæ et industriæ Professorum, et æmulam animet ambitionem succedentium Alumnorum. Proinde, quanquam hoc mihi Cordi esset quantumvis, multa admodum dehortabantur ab hujusmodi tentamine, verentem equidem ut satis dignè pro magnitudine rerum sustineam, utpote tantilli Ingenii, quam minime Exercitationis dicendi expertum, et bonarum artium disciplinâ solummodo mediocriter instructum.

Sed fixum animo meo et immotum, favente Deo, sedet, ne quid refugiam, quod possint aut vires meæ aut naturæ, quantumcumque sint dotes. Igitur vestræ Clientelæ, præsidioque totum me commendo; et cum omni fausto omine studiorum Primitias meorum aggredior offerre.

Atqui, hic imprimis mihi lætandum jure esse video, quod, vestro annitente patrocinio et benevolentia, tale argumentum mihi oblatum est, quod ingenio addat etiam humillimo quandam superbam erectionem et elevationem, atque veluti Appollinari furore instinctam.

Ecquis enim, siquidem quantumlocunque perculsus sit sacrarum amore Literarum, cujus intimum pectus gaudia non pertentant, cum videat Musæum sapientiæ, virtutis & humanitatis, sub virorum auspiciis amplissimorum feliciter inceptum, et penè ad finem perductum, et *scientiam* ipsam, (si ita loqui licet) hodierno die Lauream seu primis Alumnis coronam in hac regione porrigentem; præsertim cum subit in mentem, quantas et quales Commoditates a Studiis honestiorum Disciplinarum derivantur, quam accomodata earum cultura sit naturali præcellentiæ, et Dignitati Generis humani, quam apta ad promovendam pietatem, et concordiam, opes atque commercia, libertatem, fidem, justitiam, et omnes denique bonas artes quibus Gentes terrarum floruerunt, et ad Gloriæ, Imperiique apicem pervenere.

Revera efferor gaudio, quando animo effingo, et mihi met reproposito Juventutem, quæ, labentibus annis, ex hac Academia prodibunt, præceptis salutaribus instructam, quam pereitam dulcedine famæ, et quam entheo certatim ardore flagrantem ad pulcherrima facinora, et omnem dignissimam laudem; tam in fovendis & promovendis moribus, in defendendis patrum consiliis, et legum majestate & patriæ libertate, in invenendis, excolendis, et patrocinandis artibus ingenuis et utilibus, quam in belli rebus arduis gerendis.

Qui ergo plausus, quæ præconia vobis debentur, Curatoribus, Parentibus humanitatis et vindicibus virtutis et literarum. Nulla sane unquam erit tam ingrata ætas, nulla tam improba posteritas, quæ de vestris laudibus conticefcet, quæ non admiretur vestram industriam, colat Liberalitatem, Sapientiam adoret. Equidem omnia opera humani ingenii et industriæ peribunt et irrita fient; etiam ille Sol, qui collustrat omnia corruscantibus radiis, et natura ipsa consenesceat; sed memoria hujusce vestri laboris, et recte factorum, extra temporis angustias pervagabitur, et in juventa perenni floreſcet. Sed quoniam Regressus pacis, studiis artium liberalium et scientiæ omnigenæ amicissimus est, vestram veniam oro, ornatissimi Curatores, vobis congratulari de hujus eventu auspiciatissimo, et omnibus civibus Americanis benè de patria merentibus, imo etiam generi humano, ubicunque diffuso.

Videbatis nuperrime ipsi, et igitur solummodo leviter perſtringam, vestros agros vastatos, oppida diruta, vicos incensos, Britannis armatis. Quin etiam Germani mercede conducti omnia complere cadaveribus, luctu atque mœrore; et ciebantur etiam Indiani, late furentes, effreni et Sylvæ latebrosis in communem vastationem vestrorum Confinium, qui sanguinem et stragem sitientes, Liberos a complexu parentum divellebant, Virgines castas rapiebant, Juvenes et Senes, Mulieres et Pueros promiscua cæde, exultantes trucidabant!

Etiam nunc totus tremisco, cùm animo effingam hos barbaros subito e cæcis recessibus, cœu lupos rapaces, emicantes, sanguine perfusos, instrumenta lethalia truculenter vibrantes et voces tartareas incendentes!

Videbatis, insuper non sine multo dolore, abductis Colonis arva fualere, commercium negligi, et artes tam utiles quam ingenuas languere, et præterea adyta sanctissimi Dei deferi, et etiam Genium titularem Americæ et Libertatis e sylvestri suo umbraculo lugere!

Sed nunc redeunt Pax, Religio, et cum principatu illâ, illa facerrima libertas, quam sæpè exoptastis; nunc artes et scientiæ infirmitates ad humanitatem vigescunt renovatæ; et nunc demum redeunt commercium geniale, copia, industria, et omnia bona quæ possunt genus humanum ad summam felicitatem deducere. Non mirum est igitur, si omnes dignissimi Cives, usque ad remotissimos terminos Americæ de hoc eventu, ex animo effuse lætari.

Mhercule mihi videtur naturam ipsam vernantem, in propria Tempestate revivescere pulchriorem, et per cœnia sua regna huic beatissimæ regioni granulari. Quem admodum cum procella coorta est, homines, pecudes et volucres pavore languescunt propter hyemem ingruentem; si forte Sol affulſit perlucidus cœlo, et formosissimus, tum vero, ordo et pulchritudo regnat, juvenescunt pecudes, concinnant aves, animo pergrato homo lætatur.

Vel potius veluti cùm primordio mundi, seminibus verum conficiantibus, congestis eodem, atra nocte incubante, profundo interminato, Omnipotens Pater, mole informi facta prægnante Spiritu Sancto, in ordinem discordia principia redigebat; lucem ætheream emicare jubebat; et Solem et Sidera radiare; fluvios & maria diffundi; hominem creari; tum cælum et terra acclamationibus gratulantis hominis & Angelorum et naturæ prægescipientis plenitudine pulchritudinis consonabant.

Quibus

Quibus Laudibus igitur efferemus vos, qui vulnera passi estis et sanguinem profudistis, periculis pro patria subeundis, et bene merendo de hisce Republicis et toto orbe Terrarum: et te WASHINGTON, inter omnes divine et illustrissime Imperator, omnium Gentium, omnium Sæculorum principem, qui cum jam Britanniam viribus firmam, opibus auctam, diuturna armorum Gloria superbam, nec jam uni populo bellum, sed toti terrarum Orbi servitutem et vincula intentantem, aspicatissimis Ludovici Sociorumque armis aggressus, incredibili adhibita virtute, et successu etiam supra Expectationem humanam cumulatim affluente, urgens perpetuo atque instans quousque confregisti; ut quæ Europæ petenti dare atque concedere solita sit pacem, ipsa jam ultro supplex ac demissa petivit! Sed quanquam fortitudo animi tui assurgat supra alios, tibi tamen cum aliis communis est: mite autem ingenium adeo tibi proprium inhæret, ut in te uti in NUMINE ipso, Clementia, primaria illa et divina Imperatoris virtus, reliquas omnes ornet et superemineat. Erga hoc Doctrinæ Seminarium tuam benevolentiam abunde perspectam habemus, in quantum ad extruendum et sustinendum beneficentiæ documentum conspicuum præbuiti, sub tuo præsidio suscepisti, et tuo Augusto Nomine permixti consecrari et ornari.

Quocirca Illustrissime Imperator, quoniam sub tuis sacris auspiciis patria nostra facta est sedes cuiusque præcellentiæ humanæ et pulcherrima rerum, dehinc quocunque vexilla tollentur Americana terrâ marique, imo qua Sol illuminat habitabiles terras, haberis patronus Libertatis, Juris, Legum, Veritatis et Scientiæ, Pater Patriæ servatæ, Genius Americæ, et benefactor generis humani universi!

Vestri, Cives honoratissimi, et omnium aliorum, qui huic Collegio extruendo et sublevando nomina subscripserunt, dum vita manebit, et hanc auram æthercam haurimus, nunquam meminisse pigebit. Non opis est nostræ certe grates perfolvere, quæ dignæ sint et adæquatæ huic tantæ vestræ Liberalitati. Sed meus conscia recti et Deus benignissimus cumulativissime remunerabit.

Vos, Lumina Sapientiæ, et ornamenta splendidissima Litterarum, Patres venerandi, qui moribus ornatis, et prudentissimis consiliis, Legibusque saluberrimis, nostram rempublicam, gubernatis: vos, inquam, jubemus salvere, quippe qui summa liberalitate, diplomate vestro, potentiam dedistis conveniendi, et hunc diem Camænis et Lætiæ festivæ consecrandi.

Te, quoque lubentissimè animus gaudet salutare, præstantissimo PACA, tutelam præsentem nostrarum rerum, cunctis suffragiis populi et Senatorum ad reipublicas, et honorem amplissimum designatum, qui adeo te tradis saluti communi, et id tam obnixè contendis, ut totum Corpus reipublicæ, summa prudentia, consilio, et justitia tutaris.

Sed te admodum venerande Curatorum Præfeste, Domine SMITH quem omnes Musæ amant, et tuus Apollo ex ipsis penetralibus Famæ sanctissimi templi, laurea immortalis coronat, et in sacros choros cœlestes adscribere gaudet, quo summe orationis, te celebrem, qua Copia dicendi? Certe benignissimum nomen, ingenium divinum, et os magna, et nova, et inaudita sonaturum, tibi largitum est. Tua præclara et pulcherrima facta tam in Pensylvania, quam in Marylandia nemo quantumvis ingratus et invidus sit, qui non facillime agnoscat. Sed hoc Delubrum Musarum, monumentum tuæ industriæ indefatigabilis, humanitatis, et Patriæ amoris, in omne ævum permanebit.

Vos

Vos tandem Professores, a nobis salutari par est. Quomodo vobis pro summis erga nos meritis, pro eorum, quæ a vobis didicimus, pretio ac præcellentia, pro laboribus immensis, quos jam diu causâ nostrâ toleravistis, satis Gratiarum unquam referamus?

Te profectò, Domine *Ferguson*, jure jubemus salvere, pro tua peritia humaniorum Literarum, pro singulari Diligentia, et felici perspicacitate in explicanda obscuritate multiplici Matheoseo, et in investigandis intinis recessibus et sublimitatibus naturæ.

Quidni te vero salutem, Domine *Armer*, amicum mansuetioribus Musis et generi humano, Sapientiam e Socraticis fontibus derivantem, et nobis præcepta recti et beate vivendi saluberrima tradentem; quid vitam tranquillet humanam, et quicquid Veri acceremæ et sublimi Græciæ juventuti in Sylvis umbrosis Academiæ, Platonis eloquium mellissimum dictabat.

Vos denique primi alumni hujusce Academiæ et Condiscipuli carissimi, viridi Juventâ germinantes optamus salvere. Tandem ad metam laborum pervenimus, per omnes ambages literarum vagantes. Tandem adest dies expectata et optata, et quam semper honoratam habebimus, utpote laurea fronde tempora nostra velantem.

Nunc ero obtestorque, quæcunque sit futura ratio vitæ, in quacunque fortuna, ubi terrarum dispersi, hanc vestram alman matrem semper memori mente et reverentia respiciatis, Documenta observetis, et sanctitatem suorum exemplorum moribus exprimat.

To the foregoing Account of the public Exercises in May, 1783, it is only to be added that in May, 1784, the Seminary was honoured with a Visit from his Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq; the illustrious Patriot, whose Name it bears, and who took his Seat and subscribed his Name as one of the *Visitors and Governors*. On this Occasion, the Students entertained the Public with the Tragedy of GUSTAVUS VASA, the great DELIVERER of SWEDEN from *Danish Oppression*; a Performance breathing, throughout the whole, the most animated Sentiments of *Liberty, Heroism and public Spirit*. It was received with the justest Approbation, and especially the following Lines of the *occasional Epilogue*; the latter Part of which, calling the more immediate Attention of the Audience to their *favorite Hero*, in whose Presence it was spoken, drew Tears of Gratulation from every Eye, and repeated Bursts of Applause from every Heart.---The Speaker was Mr. *William Hambley*.---

Then listen to our chaste corrected Page
And view the noblest Subject on the Stage---
A Hero struggling in his Country's Cause,
What Patriots should be---and great VASA was!
For still the Muse's favorite Task should be
To rouse the slumbering Virtue of the Free!
To fire the Breast to Deeds of public Worth,
And call th' impatient Soul of Glory forth;

To breathe Humanity into the Heart,
And every nobler Feeling to impart.----

For this, to Night, with trembling Hope and Fear
We humbly dar'd to greet your candid Ear,
'To bid heroic Ages roll anew
And call the great GUSTAVUS back to View.
In awful Grace, the mighty Chief appears
From his deep Slumber of some Hundred Years!
How dreadful was the Scene, the Theme how great!
Expiring Freedom, and a suffering State!
Here Danish Fury spreading o'er the Land,
There VASA rising with his ardent Band!
" A Race of hardy northern Sons he led,
" Guiltless of Courts, untainted and unread;
" Whose inborn Spirits spurn'd the ignoble Fee,
" Whose Hands scorn'd Bondage---*for their Hearts were free!*

Such were our Themes! Oh, be Discernment shown,
Nor in these Swedish Woes forget your own!
Our Aim is not by idle Strokes of Art,
To please the Ear--- but reach the Life and Heart.

How late did fell Oppression, o'er this Land,
With more than *Danish Fury* raise her Hand;
When lo! a Hero of immortal Name
From where *Petowmack* rolls his mighty Stream,
Arose the Champion of his Country's Cause,
The Friend of Mankind, Liberty and Laws;
While, in the Conflict Heaven and Earth engag'd
And gave us PEACE, where *War* and Rapine rag'd.

The public Commencement, for this Year, was held July 6th, when *William Alexander, Peter Chaillé & Benjamin Frederick Augustus Cæsar Desbieu*, were admitted to the Degree of *Bachelors of Arts*; and Mr. JOSEPH COUDON to the Degree of Master of Arts, in Testimony of the Sense which the Visitors and Governors retain of his literary Abilities and his long and faithful Services, as chief Master of *Kent County Free School*, on which this College is engrailed.

The following is the Scheme of collegiate Education for *three* Years, as preparatory for Degrees. It was drawn up and published about thirty Years ago by the Author of this Account, for the Use of the College of Philadelphia, and hath been long carried into faithful Execution there under his Direction. It is now adopted for the Use of Washington College, with the Addition of such Books, Instruments, &c. as the many late Discoveries and Improvements in the Arts and Sciences render necessary.

VIEW OF THE PHILOSOPHY-SCHOOLS.

| F O R E N O O N. | | |
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| INSTRUMENTAL PHILOSOPHY. | | |
| LECTURE I. | | LECTURE II. |
| FIRST YEAR. | | |
| <i>Freshmen</i> May 15. First Term. Three Months. | Lat. & Engl. Exercises continued — — — — — — | Common Arithmetic reviewed. Decimal Arithmetic. Algebra. |
| Second Term. Three Months. | The same. — — — — — — | Fractions and Extract. Roots. Equations, simple & quadratic. Euclid, first six Books. |
| January. Third Term. Four Months. | Logic with Metaphysics. — — — — — — | — — — — — — Euclid a second Time. Logarithmical Arithmetic. |
| Remarks. | N. B. At leisure Hours Disputation begun. | |
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| SECOND YEAR. | | |
| <i>Juniors.</i> May 15. First Term. Three Months. | Logic, &c. reviewed. Surveying and Dialling. Navigation. | Plain & Spherical Trigonometry. — — — — — — |
| Second Term. Three Months. | Conic Sections. Fluxions. — — — | Euclid, 11th Book. — 12th Book. Architecture, with Fortificat. |
| | MORAL PHILOS. begun. | NAT. PHILOSOPHY begun. |
| January. Third Term. Four Months. | Viz. Compend. of Ethics. — — — — — — | Viz. General Propert. of Body — — — Mechanic Powers. — — — Hydrostatics — — — Pneumatics |
| Remarks. | N. B. Disputation continued. | N. B. Declamation and public Speaking continued. |
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| THIRD YEAR. | | |
| <i>Seniors.</i> May 15. First Term. Three Months. | Ethics continued. — — — Natural and civil Law. | Light and Colours. — Optics, &c. Perspective. |
| Second Term. Three Months. | Introduction to Civil History — to Laws and Government. — to Trade and Commerce. | Astronomy. Nat. Hist. of Vegetables. — of Animals. |
| January. Third Term. Four Months. | Review of the Whole. — — — — — — | Chemistry. Of Fossils. Of Agriculture. |
| | Examinat. for Degree of B. A. | N. B. Thro' all the Years, the French Language may be studied at leisure Hours. |

FIRST YEAR.

AFTERNOON.

Classical and Rhetorical Studies.

LECTURE III.

Homer's Iliad.

Juvenal.

Pindar.

Cicero, select Parts.

Livy resumed.

Thucydides, or

Enripides.

Wells's Dionysius.

January.
Third Term.
Four Months.

Remarks,

N. B. Some Afternoons to be
pared for Declamation this Year.

PRIVATE HOURS.

Books recommended for improv-
ing the Youth in the various
Branches.

Spectators, Ramblers, &c. for
the Improvement of Style, and
Knowledge of Life.

Barrow's Lectures. Pardie's
Geometry. Maclaurin's Alge-
bra. Ward's Mathematics. Keil's
Trigonometry.

Watts's Logic, and Supplement.
Locke on human Understanding.
Hutcheson's Metaphysics. Vare-
nius's Geography.

Watt's Ontology and Essays.
King de Orig. Mali, with Law's
Notes. Johnson's Elem. Philof.

SECOND YEAR.

January. May 15.

First Term.

Three Months.

Second Term.

Three Months.

January.

Third Term.

Four Months.

Remarks.

Introduction to Rhetoric:

Longinus, critically.

Horace's Art of Poetry, critically.

Aristot. Poet. &c critically.

Quintilian, select Parts.

COMPOSITION begun.

Cicero pro Milone.

Demosthenes pro Ctesiphon.

N. B. During the Application
of the Rules of these famous O-
rations, Imitations of them are
to be attempted on the Models of
perfect Eloquence.

Vossius. Bossu. Pere Bohours.

Dryden's Essays and Prefaces.

Spence on Pope's Odyssey.

Frapp's Prælect. Poet. Diony-
sius Halicarn. Demetrius Phal-
ereus. Strada Prolusiones.

Patoun's Navigation. Gregory's
Geometry—on Fortification.

Samson's Conic Sections. Mac-
laurin's and Emerson's Fluxions.

Palladio by Ware.

Hellham's Lectures. Grave-
sande. Cote's Hydrostatics. Des-
gulliers. Muschenbroek. Keil's

Introduction. Martin's Philo-
sophy. Sir Isaac Newton's Philo-
sophy Mac aurin's View of

Ditto. Rohault per Clarke.

THIRD YEAR.

Seniors May 15.

First Term.

Three Months.

Second Term.

Three Months.

January.

Third Term.

Four Months.

Remarks.

Epicteti Enchiridion.

Cicero de Officiis.

Tusculan Quæst.

Memorabilia Xenoph. Greek.

Patavii Rationar. Temporum.

Plato de Legibus.

Grotius de Jure, B. & P.

Afternoons of this 3d Term,
for Composition and Decama-
tion on Moral and Physical Sub-
jects.—Philosophy Acts held.

Puffendorf by Barbeyrac

Cumberland de Leg. Sidney.

Harrington. Seneca. Hutcheson's

Works. Locke on Government.

Hooker's Polity.

Scaliger de Emendatione Tem-
porum. Preceptor. Le Clerc's

Compend of History—Grego-
ry's Astronomy—Fortescue on

Laws N. Bacon's Discourses

My Lord Bacon's Works. Locke

on Coin. Davenant. Gee's Com-
pend. Ray. Derham. Spectacle

de la Nature. Religious Philo-
sopher—HOLY BIBLE, to

be read daily from the Beginning,

and now to supply the Deficien-
cies of the Whole.

Besides the Collegiate Part of the Institution, as above sketched forth, there is a public Grammar School for the *learned Languages*, and Schools for English, French, Arithmetic, and all the practical Branches of Mathematics necessary for such Persons as are not intended for a Collegiate Education, or any of the learned Professions.

The Institution is at present under the Direction of the following Gentlemen as a Faculty, *viz.*

William Smith, D. D. PRINCIPAL *pro Tempore*.

Colin Ferguson, A. M. Professor of Languages and Mathematics, &c. He is also Treasurer, by annual Election.---

Samuel Armor, A. M. Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy; and Register, by Election.---

They are assisted with two able Tutors in the Grammar School, a Master for the English and practical Branches of Mathematics, a French Master, and some more Masters will be speedily employed, as the Number of Students and Scholars are daily increasing.

The whole List of Visitors and Governors is as follows, *viz.*

His Excellency George Washington, Esq; } *These are Part of the additional Seven Visitors & Governors, whose Residence is not limited to any County.*
Honorable John Henry, and
Samuel Chase, Esq;

For *Kent County*.

William Smith, D. D. }
President, } *By*
Peregrine Lethrbury, } *annual*
Esq; Secretary. } *Election.*

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John Scott, }
William Bordley, }
Isaac Perkins, }
Thomas Smyth, Sen. }
Thomas Smyth, jun. }
John Page, }
Thomas Van Dyke, } *Esquires.*

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Cecil County.

Rev. William Thomson. A. M.

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The Quarterly Meetings of the Visitors and Governors, for the public Examination of the Students, and the faithful Management of the various Matters committed to their Trust by Law, are held on the *second Tuesday* in the Months of February, May, August, and November; whereof the *May Meeting*, by the present Rules is considered as the great *Anniversary* and *Commencement Time*, for the conferring the Degrees and Honors of the Seminary. But as the *Ordinances* and *Laws* of the Corporation are still in a probationary State, and the whole of them not yet compleated, they will at some future Day be laid before the Public, together with the List of such further Benefactions as may, in the mean Time, be generously given for furthering the good Designs for which this Institution was founded.

We shall therefore close the present Account with a Copy of the Morning and Evening Service which is at present appointed to be used, in their Turn of Prayer, by such of the Masters as are desirous of being assisted with a short *Form*; while every Master is left at his Pleasure to add to the same, or to *pray* without a *Form*, according to his *religious Persuasion*, and the liberal and *Catholic* Foundation of the Institution.

*Part of the MORNING SERVICE and
PRAYERS, used in WASHINGTON-
COLLEGE.*

S E N T E N C E S.

O Lord, our Lord! how excellent is thy Name in all the Earth!

Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings hast thou ordained Strength. Ps. viii. 1, 2.

Hear ye Children the Instruction of a Father and attend to know Understanding—WISDOM is the principal Thing; therefore get Wisdom, and with all thy Getting get Understanding.—

Exalt her and she shall promote; she shall bring thee to Honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give to thine Head an Ornament of Grace; a Crown of Glory shall she deliver to thee. Prov. iv. 1, 7, 8, 9.

P R A Y E R S.

O M O S T gracious God! we render Thee our most unfeigned Thanks for preserving us to the Beginning of this Day. Many and great have been thy Mercies to us, for which we praise and magnify thy Holy Name. We most humbly beseech Thee to continue thy loving Kindness to us this Day, and thro' the whole Remainder of our Lives. Be graciously pleased, to give thy special Protection to these thy Children, who, from their tender Age are exposed to more than ordinary Perils and Temptations. May their Feet be guided into the Ways of Peace and Safety; and may we all so walk before Thee, that our Lives may be full of Comfort, our Death of Peace and our Eternity of Glory; thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER for WISDOM and OBEDIENCE.

H OLY and merciful Father! we humbly beseech Thee to possess the Hearts of these Thy Children with a perfect Dependence upon Thee, and such a Love of what Thou hast commanded, that their whole Behaviour may be conformable to Thy holy Will, and a Comfort to their Masters, Parents, and all with whom they are connected in this Life. Incline their Hearts to that which is *good*, and create in them an utter Dislike of all Evil. Give them an affectionate and teachable Disposition, and an unfeigned Love of Truth and Candor. Preserve them from all Malice, Falsehood, Deceit, Fraud and Evil-speaking. When they are found in a Fault, may they become sensible of the Duty of Amendment, and never attempt to put the Blame on others, or to palliate their Guilt.

O Thou, who art the Fountain of all Wisdom, be graciously pleased to inspire us, whose Duty it is, to instruct them with such a Portion of thy divine Wisdom, as may enable us to discharge our great Trust with Fidelity and Success. May we ever bear in Mind, that the best Service we can render to Thee our God, or to our Fellow Creatures, is by our earnest and successful Endeavours to imbue the Minds of Youth with true and just Sentiments of Religion and Goodness.

Give thy Blessing to this Seminary of Virtue and useful Learning. May all who are admitted into it be inspired with the Love of Wisdom, and preserved from Sloth, Idleness, Evil Company and Evil Habits. As they grow in Years, may they grow in Piety and true Knowledge, and in Favor with Thee and with all good Men.

May

May we all be preserved this Day, and the Remainder of our Lives, by thy good Providence; so that at last we may obtain everlasting Life and Glory, thro' the Merits and Mediation of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, who has taught us when we pray, to say, &c.

Our Father, &c.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

EVENING SERVICE.

LORD! who shall dwell in thy Tabernacle, or who shall rest upon thy Holy Hill?---Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt Life and doth the Thing which is right, and speaketh the Truth from his Heart--- He that hath used no Deceit in his Tongue, nor done Evil to his Neighbour, and hath not slandered his Neighbour---He that is lowly in his own Eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord---He that accustoms not his Mouth to Swearing; neither useth himself to the naming of the Holy One---

Who so doth these Things shall never fall.

*Short EVENING PRAYER, which may be said
with the General Prayer.*

Let us pray.

MOST Holy and merciful Lord! who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good Things as pass Man's Understanding; pour into our Hearts such Love towards Thee, that we preferring thy Service above all Things, may obtain thy Promises which exceed all that we can desire. Increase in us true Religion; nourish us with all Goodness; multiply upon us thy Mercy, that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through Things temporal, that we finally lose not the Things eternal. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's Sake, our Lord. *Amen.*

General

General EVENING PRAYER.

O THOU God of all Grace and Glory! Father of Light and Love! Father of the Spirits of Men! from whose free Goodness we receive our Lives, and all the Means and Hopes of Happiness *here* and hereafter. We laud and magnify thy holy Name for thy Mercies towards us this Day. Be graciously pleased, thro' the Merits of Christ our Saviour, to accept our imperfect Endeavours to serve thee; forgiving what thou hast seen amiss in us; and filling us with such a penitent Sense both of our Transgressions and Omissions, that we may daily examine our Ways and labour after greater Perfection in true Holiness.

Vouchsafe, O merciful Father, thy special Protection and Favour to the rising Generation; and particularly those here assembled before Thee. Assist their Memories to retain, their Judgments to comprehend, and their Hearts to love every good and valuable Character. Sentiment, and Action this Day laid before them. May they be taught of Thee their God the Way in which they should walk when they are *young*, and may they never depart from it.

In whatever Station thy Wisdom shall place them, may they be always disposed to act upon the Principles of Religion, Charity and Probity; seeking no worldly Advantage separate from the Love and Practice of Truth and Virtue. Adorn their Minds with those Graces and Acquisitions which may render them a Blessing to their Country; useful in their own Generation, and shining Examples to the Generations which shall succeed them.

May all Seminaries of sound Learning, by thy good Providence, be rendered the happy Means of diffusing thy heavenly Wisdom and holy Christian Religion to the farthest Ends of the World. In particular, give thy Blessing to this Institution; the Governors, Masters, Scholars, its numerous Benefactors, and all who are connected with it. May they discharge their several Trusts and Duties, as in thy Sight, and considering the Account they are to give to thee.

Bless all orders of Men amongst us from the highest to the lowest. Give them Grace in their several stations, to be instrumental to the Spreading abroad Truth, Righteousness, Justice and Virtue. May the Councils of those who *rule*, and the Conduct of those who *obey* be solely directed to the public good.

Finally, O Lord, as thou hast graciously preserved us thro' the past Day, we beseech Thee to defend us from all the Perils of the ensuing Night. With all humble Confidence in thy un-
wearied

wearied Goodness, we desire to commit our Souls and Bodies to thy constant Protection and Blessing; which we likewise pray, thou would'st be pleased to extend to all our Relations and Friends, and to all the Children of Men; for the Sake of Jesus Christ, in whose holy Name and Words, as he hath taught us, we further pray,

Our Father, &c.

The present Price of *Boarding, Washing, &c.* in the College Lodgings is Twenty-three Pounds ten Shillings per Annum, and six Pounds Tuition or School Money for the *Classical, Mathematical* and *Philosophic* Branches of Learning. Three Pounds more is required for Room or Chamber-Rent, the whole being Thirty-two Pounds ten Shillings per Annum. But it is expected that an Abatement may soon be made in these several Prices; especially when, thro' the Generosity of the Public, the Buildings shall be finished, which will be large and commodious, being One Hundred and Sixty feet in Length, [See the Elevation in the Frontispiece of this Account] and capable of containing near Two Hundred Students---As a very considerable Sum will yet be wanting to prepare the Building for the Reception of the Masters and Students and for encreasing the Library and the Mathematical and Philosophical Apparatus, a new *Subscription*, together with the assistance of a *Lottery*, has been found necessary. A Capital is also to be raised in Order to provide sufficient Salaries for able Professors and Teachers; in which (agreeably to one of the foregoing Resolves of the *General Assembly*, and the Examples which have been set by other States) it cannot be doubted but some considerable Legislative Assistance will be derived, when the Condition of the public *Finances* will admit.

In the mean Time, it is hoped, that, in perusing the foregoing Sheets, every benovolent Mind and Friend of Learning will find sufficient Motives for some Exertion of his Generosity on this Occasion; for which Purpose the following Terms of a NEW SUBSCRIPTION are proposed.

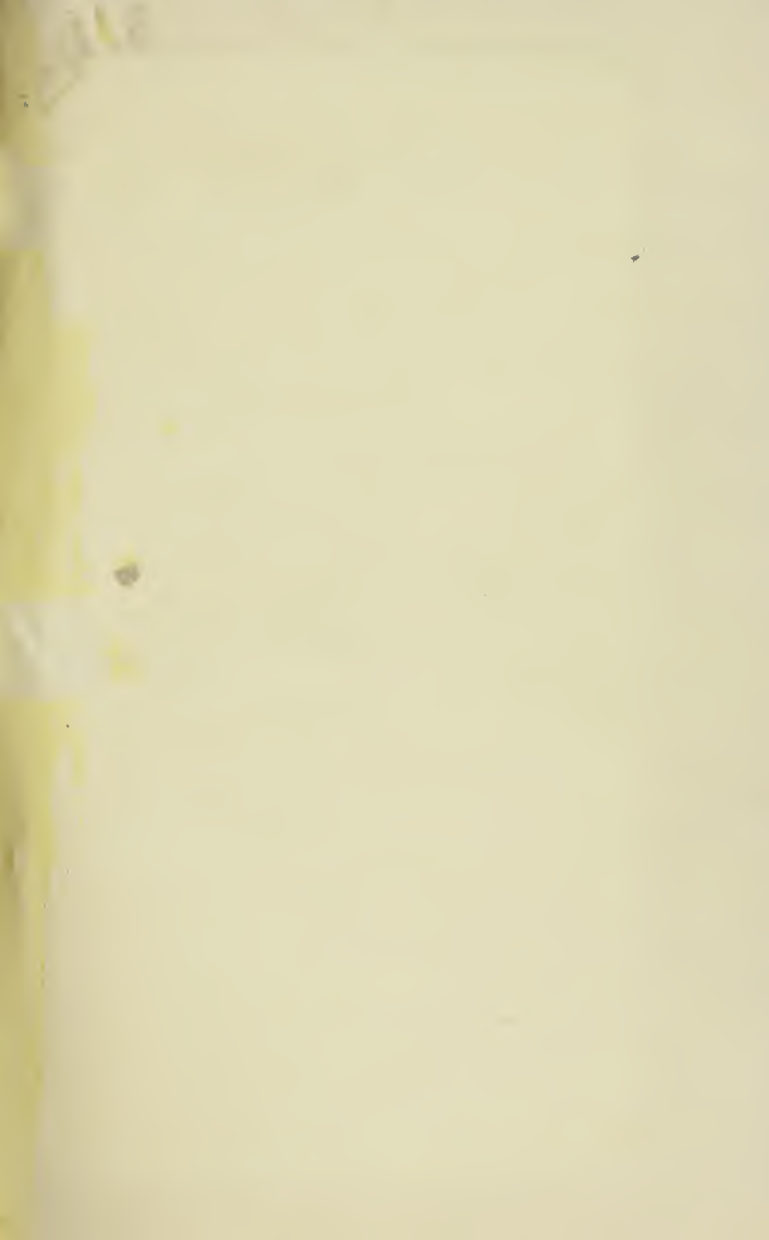
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